







## Arkansas Public Health Association Information on candidates

### APHA Representative to the Arkansas Board of Health (vote for 1)

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| <b>Mellie Bridewell</b>   | <b>Amar Kanekar</b>   | <b>Quinyatta Mumford</b>  |
| <p><b>Employer:</b> UAMS Office of Strategy Management/Arkansas Rural Health Partnership</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> UAMS Director of Rural Health/ ARHP Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b> I currently represent 16 rural health organizations throughout South Arkansas (14 hospitals, 2 FQHCs, and 84 affiliated/owned clinics) as well as UAMS and its commitment to address rural health. I want to bring an experienced and diversified rural health perspective from rural to the AR Board of Health.</p> | <p><b>Current Employer:</b> University of Arkansas at Little Rock</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Health Education/Promotion</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b> I would like to be more involved in the functioning of the Arkansas Public Health Association and be a liaison between them and the Arkansas Board of Health, as a conduit of effective communication between both bodies for betterment of health and welfare in the state.</p> | <p><b>Current Employer:</b> Arkansas Department of Health</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> Director of the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b> In a season where health equity is a constant conversation in public health, it is imperative that the Board be representative of the population it serves. I desire a seat at the table to be a voice for those that are often overlooked and unheard.</p> |

## Member-at-Large-3 year term (vote for 3)

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| <p><b>Dr. Jennifer Conner</b></p>  | <p><b>Miranda Curbow</b></p>   | <p><b>Stefani Gafford</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Current Employer:</b> NYITCOM Delta Population Health Institute</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> Deputy Director and Associate Professor</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b><br/>Over the past 20 years, I have had the honor of practicing public health in a variety of settings. I am an Arkansas Delta native and I am passionate about serving rural areas. I welcome the opportunity to bring my research, program development, and field experience and expertise to APHA.</p> | <p><b>Current Employer:</b> Arkansas Department of Health</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> Community Health Nurse Specialist, NW Region, Guy Fenter Education Cooperative</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b><br/>I would like to play a more active role in APHA. Working on the COVID-19 team has emphasized the importance of public health and it is a great time to educate ourselves and our communities. Public Health encompasses many facets and is a vital piece to the continued growth of our communities and state. I would like an opportunity to assist with educating others and helping further the public health mission.</p> | <p><b>Current Employer:</b> University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</p> <p><b>Current Job Title:</b> Health Science Informationist</p> <p><b>Why do you want to be elected to the position?</b><br/>I would love the opportunity to promote health through health informatics and information technology, by learning and contributing to this field.</p> |



**Etoya Williams**

**Current Employer:** Arkansas Department of Health- Lincoln County Health Unit

**Current Job Title:** Registered Nurse and Local Health Unit Administrator

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

I would like to broaden my knowledge and experience within the public health sector and be able to contribute service in order to actively represent my local communities.



**Jim Wohlleb**

**Current Employer:** Retired

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

If elected, Jim expects to support priorities of the Executive Council and engage members of APHA and of allied groups. Promoting public health includes affirming comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as further educating both community members and public health workers. We must recommit addressing multiple threats to health.

## Treasurer



### **James Caldwell**

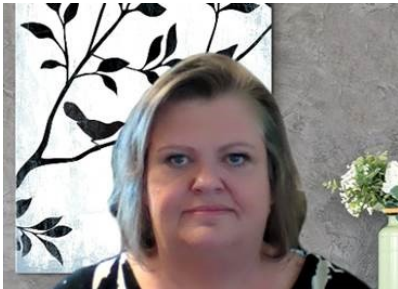
**Current Employer:** Arkansas Department of Health

**Current Job Title:** Deputy Chief Financial Officer

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

I believe it would be an interesting way to participate in the association while making use of my Accounting background.

## Secretary



### **Kelli Dunegan**

**Current Employer:** Arkansas Department of Health

**Current Job Title:** Northeast Region Hometown Health Manager

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

The position of secretary is critical to the successful management of any club or organization. I would like to use my knowledge and skills to help empower APHA to continue to be a leader with public health professionals and communities.

## Second Vice-President



### **Kiah Ferrell**

**Current Employer:** Arkansas Department of Health

**Current Job Title:** Community Health Promotion Specialist

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

Based on my experience, I have had the opportunity of interning at the Arkansas Department of Health Office of Communications. I was given the opportunity of creating a teen suicide prevention toolkit by using Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. I created a social media post that centered around Thanksgiving.

## First Vice-President



### **Naomi Sweeney**

**Current Employer:** Arkansas Department of Health

**Current Job Title:** Section Chief I

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

Public Health and public service are my passions. I have a heart for public service and take pride in serving the citizens of the great State of Arkansas. Improving healthcare delivery and health outcomes across the state gives me a sense of pride, knowing that I am making a difference in my community.

## Incoming President-Elect

No nominations

## President-Elect



### **Lynn Hawkins**

**Current Employer:** Arkansas Rural Health Partnership

**Current Job Title:** Chief Officer of Communications & Special Initiatives

**Why do you want to be elected to the position?**

As a resident of the Arkansas Delta Region, I see the critical need for collaboration and connection of resources to unify and empower our communities with quality health education. I hope to share my 22 years of experience in the healthcare arena to assist the APHA in advancing its mission.